

Construction of toilets under SBM

102. PROF. M.V. RAJEEV GOWDA: Will the Minister of JAL SHAKTI be pleased to state:

- (a) whether all the toilets built under the Swachh Bharat Mission (SBM) have undergone the second round of verification;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor;
- (d) the number of toilets built under the SBM that have been verified by a non-partisan third party; and
- (e) the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF JAL SHAKTI (SHRI RATTAN LAL KATARIA): (a) to (c) As per the Swachh Bharat Mission (Gramin) [SBM(G)] guidelines, villages declare themselves Open Defecation Free (ODF) through a Gram Sabha resolution of achievement of ODF status. As per the data reported by the Districts/States on the Online Integrated Management Information System of SBM(G), all the 5,99,963 villages of the country have already declared themselves ODF. The Guidelines further provide that at least two verifications should be taken up to ensure sustainability of ODF status. The 1st verification is to be taken up within 3 months of ODF declaration and the 2nd verification is to be carried out around 6 months after the 1st verification. As on 13.11.2019, 2nd verification has been completed in 1,54,807 villages.

(d) and (e) Department of Drinking Water and Sanitation had conducted National Annual Rural Sanitation Surveys (NARSS) in 2017-18 and 2018-19 through an independent agency. NARSS 2017-18 had covered 92,040 households in 6122 villages and NARSS 2018-19 had covered 92,040 households in 6136 villages, across 29 States and 3 UTs.

Uranium contamination in ground water in Haryana

103. KUMARI SELJA: Will the Minister of JAL SHAKTI be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government is aware that the ground water in the country has a higher level of Uranium concentration than the World Health Organization (WHO) standards;